

# Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Agency Background Document Final Regulation

**Agency Name:** Virginia Department of Social Services  
**VAC Number:** 22 VAC 40-820-10 et seq.  
**Regulation Title:** Policy Regarding Purchased Services  
**Action Title:** Final Regulation (repeal)  
**Date:** September 8, 1999

## **Summary:**

The original intent of this regulation was to establish uniform policies and procedures for the purchase of services within local departments of social services. The regulation includes standards and contracting procedures for providers of purchased services and guidelines for local departments of social services on the services available for purchase. Since the implementation of this regulation, programs have come under many and varied funding sources so that one uniform regulation for purchase of services is no longer feasible. Each program area addresses in regulation and/or policy the procedures for handling purchase of services.

## **Public Comment:**

No public comments were received on the publication of this regulation. The notice of public comment was published in the July 9, 1999, edition of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Public comment as advertised in the Virginia Register was from July 19 to September 17, 1999.

## **Changes since Proposed Regulation:**

No changes have been made since the proposed regulation was published. No regulation is being promulgated in its place.

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**BASIS, PURPOSE, SUBSTANCE, ISSUES, AND IMPACT STATEMENTS AND  
RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**BASIS:** § 63.1-25 of the Code of Virginia is the source of the legal authority to promulgate this regulation. The need for uniform procedures for the purchase of services originated under the federal Title XX program. In 1981, Public Law 97-35 amended Title XX established the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and gave states the option of continuing the mandate.

**PURPOSE:** This regulation establishes uniform policies and procedures for the purchase of services within local departments of social services. The regulation includes standards and contracting procedures for providers of purchased services, and guidelines for local departments of social services on the services available for purchase. Since the implementation of this regulation, programs have come under many and varied funding sources so that one uniform regulation for purchase of services is no longer feasible.

**SUBSTANCE:** This action is requested as the result of an approved periodic review of agency regulations. The State Board of Social Services has recommended that this regulation be repealed. In doing so, duplicative regulations regarding the purchase of services by local departments of social services will be eliminated.

**ISSUES:** It is proposed that this regulation be repealed as the regulation is no longer essential to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens or for the efficient and economical performance of an important governmental function.

**IMPACT:** There is no financial impact on local agencies or the Department. This regulation affects local departments of social services in the way that services are purchased. This regulation has no affect on family formation, stability, and autonomy. By repealing this regulation, local departments of social services will follow existing regulations, including state contract and procurement regulations, and policies as set forth in the *Social Services Policy Manual, Volume VII*, for each program area in purchasing services for their customers.

**RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS:** The Department concurs with the Economic Impact Analysis prepared by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget on February 5, 1999.

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## STATEMENT OF AGENCY FINAL ACTION

The State Board of Social Services approved the final repeal of 22 VAC 40-820-10 et seq., Policy Regarding Purchased Services, on October 14, 1999.

I certify that this statement is full, true, and correctly dated.

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Clarence H. Carter  
Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

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